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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6622 NOTE PREPARED: Feb 12, 2004

BILL NUMBER: HB 1087 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Conservancy districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Mangus

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Riegsecker

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides that if there is a vacancy on the board of a conservancy district, the board rather than the county commissioners shall select a member to fill the vacancy. The bill provides that if a tie vote of the board results when filling a vacancy, the circuit court judge shall fill the vacancy. It repeals a provision governing the expansion of a conservancy district located in Hendricks County.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill makes two changes. The first change revises the way in which vacancies on a conservancy district board are filled. Current law provides that the county commissioners must vote to appoint a new member. The proposal specifies that the board of directors of a conservancy district must vote to appoint a new member. If, under the proposal, a tie occurs, the circuit court judge must break a tie among the remaining board members. This provision should have no fiscal impact.

The second change applies only to Hendricks County and procedures for expansion of a district under certain circumstances. The bill makes Hendricks County subject to the same provisions governing the expansion of a conservancy district that all other counties are subject. By making this change, the conservancy district in Hendricks County should be able to save expenses related to holding hearings and mailing notices. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on the proposed area to be added to the district, which affects the costs associated with holding hearings and mailing notices.

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Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u> Conservancy Districts.

Information Sources:

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